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Supply of coal to Cement Manufacturers

3463. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement manufacturers have requested the Government for increase in supply of coal to them; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps are being taken by the Government to increase production and despatch of coal with a view to improve its availability to all consumers including cement plants. Despatches to cement plants are monitored every week, and efforts are made to make up deficiencies wherever they arise.

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

3464. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of the irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh which were cleared by the Union Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): Only one project of Andhra Pradesh namely Singur Irrigation project was given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in April, 1989 for an estimated cost of Rs. 104.36 crores during the last three years.

Supply of 'DHARA' Through Public Distribution System

3465. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANELWAL:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to distribute the popular edible oil 'Dhara' through the Public Distribution System throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the production of edible oil 'Dhara' by the National Dairy Development Board is sufficient enough to be distributed through the Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make 'Dhara' available in Super Bazar and kendriya Bhandars in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Government does not have any plan to distribute Dhara through the Public Distribution System.

(c) and (d). Does not arise as the terms and conditions for market intervention operations by NDDB do not envisage distribution of oil procured by NDDB through the public distribution system.

(e) At present Dhara is being sold through some of the super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar outlets in Delhi. This is in addition to the quantity sold through the